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FOR OPIC:CRUMPLER

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION FOR POLITICAL RISK INVESTMENT  
INSURANCE AND OPIC REGISTRATION NOTICE: FIRESTONTLOPRE  
AND RUBBER COMPANY (THE) 664-78-286

REF: CRUMPLER MEMORANDUM OF AUGUST 25

1. AS REQUESTED IN REFERENCE THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED: (A) DURING RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH FIRESTONE OFFICIALS, COMMERCIAL OFFICER WAS TOLD THAT PROPOSED EXPANSION IS NEEDED BECAUSE: (1) EXISTING EQUIPMENT IS FULLY DEPRECIATED AND BEING UTILIZED ALMOST AROUND THECLOCK; (2) CURRENT GOT ESTIMATES ARE FOR DOMESTIC TIRE DEMAND TO DOUBLE BY 1985 (FIRESTONE AGREES WITH ESTIMATES); AND (3) FIRESTONE WISHES TO REMAIN THE ONLY TIRE MANUFACTURER IN TUNISIA. (B) LOCAL TIRE DEMAND CURRENTLY FAR OUTWEIGHS SUPPLY. THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES ON THE ROAD IS INCREASING EACH YEAR, AND LOCAL AUTOMOBILE, TRUCK AND TRACTOR ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS ARE EXPANDING. THEREFORE, THE BENEFITS TO TUNISIA OF SUCH AN EXPANSION ARE CONSIDERABLE.

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2. EMBASSY SUPPORT FIRESTONE REQUEST.  
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